

**FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 26, 2008**

The meeting was held on June 26, 2008. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Tom Leo, Pete Novich, Susan Nelson, Norm Jensen (friend), Sam Novich, Becky Kington, Marilyn Ross, Deb Bradley, and Andrea Sarchet.

Minutes from April 16, 2008 were read and approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence from Dawn Hagedorn was read by Dana.

Discussion started about the wiring in the hog barn and that Kenworthy was working on it and the next building to work on will probably be the white horse barn.

Pete discussed there was nothing in writing in the buy/sell about keeping the Lott pasture rested for a year and was wondering if the Board would reconsider letting 3RAC graze it after the county closes on the property. He stated the grass was knee high and looking good and wanted to know if 3RAC and the Board could work together to manage the grazing. There are some noxious weeds which need to be taken care of. If some cross fencing was done, it would manage the grazing. The closing is scheduled for June 30, 2008 at 10:00 am. Dana suggested instead of calling a special meeting, maybe the Board could vote on the pasture grazing contingent on the closing of the property. Nick made the motion to let Lott property be grazed as of July 1 and Richard seconded the motion. This will be a trial run on the pasture as long as it is managed and not overgrazed. Kay wanted enough grass left in the pasture for the NRA cattle at fair. Sam would like to fence off back entry road for grazing.

There isn't a current copy of any bylaws for the fair board that anyone can find. Marilyn will get a sample of the housing board or other board bylaws to Dana and we'll redo them.

The vandalism is out of control at the fairgrounds. Becky suggested putting gates in and locking them at night. Sam said he thought the town had a curfew of 9:30-10 pm for kids. Richard suggested trying the locked gates and getting keys to fire department, sheriff, 3RAC, and Riverside. If people can't drive in, maybe it would detour them enough to go elsewhere. Dana will see if Bob Lancaster will put up the gates. Suggestion was made for the help on the grounds to carry pepper spray for the loitering kids during the day. Tom moved to put in gates and Richard seconded it, approved.

Norm Jensen proposed putting in a motorcycle track on the back entrance of the fairgrounds which would bring in good revenue. They would put on 4-5 big races a summer. There are 11 western states with professional motorcycle riders who would be interested in it. There was some discussion about the old race track and if the area was big enough. Pete took Norm out to look at the grounds.

Deb Bradley presented the proposal for more parking by Riverside Park. Marilyn will check on doing the boundary adjustment for the parking area. Floating Floatillas is July 26, 2008.

Dana presented the ads sold for the fair books in 2007 were \$3,280 and 2008 ads are \$4,670 and \$1,550 in trades for a total of \$6,220. The fair book will be printed in Butte as it was the cheapest at \$2,100 for our books.

Dana presented proposals for wage increases for the fair grounds, stating that the fair grounds are the lowest paid wages in the county. Troy said that the fairgrounds wages should be somewhat comparable to other county wages. Marilyn said that the fairgrounds is the anchor for economic development. Our fair grounds is very important because activities and events keep developing. Tom motioned that Dana write a letter to commissioners for comparable wage consideration and Nick seconded it, approved.

The budget line item for Rodeo stock was raised from \$9,000 to \$13,500 and Dana wondered about putting the added money (\$5,000) in that line item also. Becky said maybe 3RAC could help with added money and Tom said he thought Ennis Rodeo Assoc would help also. Dana will call bookkeepers and add \$5,000 more to the line item for rodeo stock, making it \$18,500.

Hagedorn Auction: a discussion about the letter and events which took place over the auction was discussed. Tom said the fair board did nothing wrong and Nick said Hagedorn's letter was offensive. Troy did not tell Dawn she would be banned from fair grounds, he told her he would make a motion at the next meeting to have them take their auction somewhere else if Dawn kept talking that way about Dana. Scott's screaming and yelling was threatening behavior. Marilyn said that Dana called her and she told Dana to call the police. Richard said Hagedorns could have put the extra days they wanted on the contract. If they want more days to set up, they need to pay the \$100 a day to reserve the building. They get one free day the day before their event to set up and anything extra is \$100 per day. Dawn signed the contract so if the dates were wrong, she should have notified the fair manager. Nick made a motion for Hagedorn to take auction some place else and Richard seconded it. Motion failed because of split vote. Dana will not see either Scott or Dawn without a Board member or law enforcement officer present and their business can be handled in writing or by phone to the Fair Board. Dana does not have to take any abuse from Scott or Dawn and the Board will give them one chance to do business in a civil manner. The board wants a letter to the Hagedorns stating the rules. The set up fees will stay the same.

There was discussion about fair board expansion and Marilyn said you have to have an odd number and sometimes it is harder to get a quorum. We'll discuss the board membership and bylaws at the November, 2008 meeting.

Dana told the Board that there was a colt donated to raffle off for the petting zoo at the fair. Dana needs to check into this and find out more about it.

The next Fair board meeting will be July 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott